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SUBJECT: VESCO ARMS EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO  
MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY

1. THE SAN JOSE MORNING PRESS TODAY (OCTOBER 10)  
PUBLISHED EXTENSIVE ACCOUNTS OF SWORN STATEMENTS  
PRESENTED TO MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY MARIO CHARPENTIER  
PURPORTING TO SHOW THAT VESCO HAS NOT BROUGHT ARMS INTO  
COSTA RICA. ACCORDING TO THESE ACCOUNTS, THE MATERIAL,  
WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY VESCO'S LAWYERS  
--ANTONIO ROBLES AND  
JOSE MARIA PLA--INCLUDED A STATEMENT FROM RICHARDSON DENYING  
THAT ARMS WERE ABOARD THE APRIL 19TH FLIGHT AND DENYING THAT  
PLANE USED BELONGS TO VESCO. STATEMENTS OBVIOUSLY ARE  
INTENDED TO COUNTER THE MANY PRESS ARTICLES WHICH HAVE RUN  
IN SAN JOSE PAPERS IN RECENT WEEKS ABOUT VESCO BRINGING  
ARMS TO COSTA RICA.

2. CHARPENTIER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE WOULD EXPEL  
ROBERT VESCO (FROM COSTA RICA) IF HE IS CONNECTED  
WITH THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS AND ADDED THAT "WE ARE  
INVESTIGATING THIS CASE AND IF VESCO IS MIXED UP  
IN IT HE WILL BE KICKED OUT."

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3. RICHARDSON REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT VESCO WOULD MAKE A

STATEMENT ABOUT THE ARMS TODAY, OCTOBER 10.

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